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THEREFOR, AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING LOWER HYDROCARBON
USING THE CATALYST

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AFFIRMATION OF PRIORITY CLAIM

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based on the following prior foreign application filed in the following foreign country on the date indicated:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Japan	2003-375666	November 5, 2003

A certified copy of the aforesaid Japanese Patent Application was received by the International Bureau on December 16, 2004 during the pendency of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/016480. A copy of Form PCT/IB/304 is enclosed.

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